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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not constitute a representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission or representation that any of the listed documents is material or constitutes prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents does not constitute prior art under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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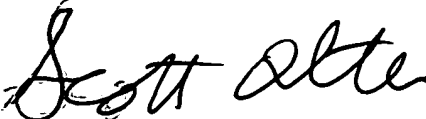
The referenced patent application was finally rejected on December 17, 2002. Applicants request consideration of the enclosed documents by the Examiner under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d).

Applicants' representative certifies that several of the enclosed documents were cited in a communication in a counterpart PCT patent application not more than three months before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the search report for the PCT patent application is also enclosed. Applicants' representative also certifies that to his knowledge, none of the other cited references were known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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